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SCENARIO

Zynaps is a shoot-em-up set in an alien infested planetary system.

The game begins with our hero escaping in a Scorpion fighter from an alien space station out into deep space. Battle continues through asteroid storms to a nearby planet from where, equipped with weaponry and hyperspace units taken from destroyed alien craft, he sets out in search of the secret alien stronghold.

After many terrifying battles fought throughout the solar system our hero discovers the location of the alien base and the final conflict can begin......

LOADING INSTRUCTIONS

SPECTRUM CASSETTE

48K ZX Spectrum, ZX Spectrum Plus or ZX Spectrum 128 with cassette player, ZX Spectrum +2.

You are advised to disconnect all hardware from the rear edge connector with the exception of your joystick interface (if any). When using a Sinclair Interface 2 or the ZX Spectrum +2 plug the appropriate joystick into port 1. Unless using a ZX Spectrum +2 connect a cassette player to the computer in the usual manner. ZX Spectrum +2 and 128 users should select 48K mode. Rewind the cassette if necessary, enter LOAD "" on the computer keyboard and press the ENTER key. Press the Play key on the cassette player. The game takes a few minutes to load.

AMSTRAD CASSETTE

Amstrad CPC 464

Amstrad CPC 664 or Amstrad CPC 6128 with cassette player and suitable leads.

Amstrad CPC 664 and CPC 6128 users should connect a cassette player to the computer and enter tape and press the ENTER key. Place the cassette in the player, rewind if necessary and press the CTRL and ENTER keys. Press the Play key on the cassette player and then any key on the computer keyboard. The game takes a few minutes to load.

AMSTRAD DISC

Amstrad CPC 664 or Amstrad CPC 6128 Amstrad CPC 464 with disc drive

Amstrad CPC 464 users should connect a disc drive to the computer and enter |disc and press the ENTER key. Place the disc in the drive and enter run "disc and press the ENTER or RETURN key. The game takes a few seconds to load.

COMMODORE CASSETTE

Commodore 64 or Commodore 128 with suitable cassette player.

You are advised to disconnect all hardware from your computer. Connect the cassette player to the computer, place the cassette in the player and rewind if necessary. Press the SHIFT and RUN/STOP keys on the computer keyboard and press the Play key on the cassette player. The game takes a few minutes to load.

COMMODORE DISC

Commodore 64 or Commodore 128 with disc drive.

You are advised to disconnect all hardware from your computer. Connect the disc drive to the computer and place the disc in the drive. Enter LOAD "*",8,1 and press the RETURN key. The game takes a few seconds to load.

CONTROLS

Use a joystick or define your own keyboard keys to simulate left, right, up, down and fire (Spectrum and Amstrad versions only). During the titles sequence:

Spectrum and Amstrad	Commodore	Effect
Keys 1 and 2	f1	Select one or two player game

Key 3	not applicable	Define keyboard
		controls
Key 4	not applicable	Access high

Select one or two joysticks

score display
Fire Fire Start the game

During play the fire button fires weapons or when held down activates the fuel scoop. Some weapons require the fire button to be held down before they will fire. To pause the game during play press key 4 (RUN/STOP on Commodore). Press fire to restart or Q to quit (CLR/HOME on Commodore).

THE SCORPION ATTACK FIGHTER

The MK1 Scorpion is supplied with a wide range of sophisticated equipment and weaponry powered by an internally mounted fuel scoop.

PROPULSION:

Not applicable

The main drive units can be operated at four power levels ranging from low power for delicate control in tight spaces, to a maximum setting for high speed combat in deep space.

WEAPON SYSTEMS

Pulse lasers: Ideal for heavy duty alien

blasting. These wing mounted lasers also have

four power settings.

Two independent bomb throwers provide awesome destructive power against

groundbased targets.

Homing missiles: These self propelled missiles

carry scaled down planet bursting warheads and, once

locked onto target, will destroy almost any large

alien craft.

Seeker missiles: The ultimate in intelligent weaponry. Seeker missiles

carry automatic target acquisition circuitry designed to lock onto any target they

are able to destroy.

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THE FUEL SCOOP

This provides the power to activate the Scorpion's main systems. To activate a piece of equipment (weapons, propulsion etc) collect sufficient fuel to highlight the desired equipment in the WEAPONRY ACTIVATION INDICATOR, then collect one more piece of fuel with the scoop in ACTIVATION mode.

To go into activation mode hold down the fire button until the ship changes from yellow to blue (blue to flashing grey on Commodore) and keep it depressed while picking up the fuel. The new equipment will be activated, or its power setting increased and the indicator reset to position one – Speedup.

The WEAPONRY ACTIVATION INDICATOR displays, in order:

SPEEDUP

SPEEDUP Increase speed

FIREPOWER Increase laser power

BOMBS Activate bomb thrower

MISSILES Enable missile targeting
SEEKER Enable seeker missile

SEEKEN Enable seeker missile

THE OPPOSITION

The opposition in Zynaps comes in five dangerous varieties:

Spacecraft:

Small flying craft can usually be destroyed with one hit from a laser, bomb or seeker missile. Homing missiles cannot lock-on. Ground
Installations:
Dangerous planet-bound
defence installations require
multiple laser hits or a single
bomb or seeker missile to
destroy them.

Alien
Commend
Ships:
Large flying craft, heavily
armed and well protected.
These can be destroyed with
multiple laser hits or homing

missiles.

Mother ships: Giant aliens – like the command ships only more

so!

Natural These consist largely of

hazards: asteroids and other flying debris – keep well clear!

WARNING: Alien craft are known to be

warning:

Allen craft are known to be

well armed with a variety of

missiles, homing missiles

and mines!

SCORING: Points are awarded for blasting individual aliens and

special bonuses for destroying complete formations of more dangerous aliens.

Bonus lives are awarded at 10,000 points and every 20,000 thereafter.

TECHNICAL DATA

Commodore 64

50 frames per second High resolution scrolling 3 dimensional parallax starfield Multiplex sprite processor

Spectrum

25 frames per second High resolution multicoloured scrolling graphics 3 dimensional parallax starfield

starfield Myriads of sprites

Amstrad

17 frames per second High resolution multicoloured scrolling graphics 3 dimensional parallax

3 dimensional parallax starfield Myriads of sprites

Rainbow colour processor

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